Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 23, 1880.

Rather the Fist than the Tongue. Congressmen and Washington correspondents seem to be in a state of great excitement over the late personal encounter between two members on the floor of the House, while poutside pub-lic are regarding the affire with a good deal of composure. What will the country say? has been the question from Washington, and the inquirers have answered it for themselves by declaring that the country would go wild with indignation over so great a breach and the manifold products of art and try, as we have said, does not and pleasures, the festival of Christmas Mellow with cheer and goodiellows hip, seem inclined to do any such thing. has become the climax of the year's an-Some newspapers have troubled them- ticipations. The memory of one Christselves to declare the affair disgraceful, as it certainly was, and to call for the expulsion of the participants; which is a very silly call, and only made for the sake of saying something adequate to the occasion. Other journals reflect the popular sentiment much better in rather iously waited for, eagerly enjoyed and applauding these two belligerents gratefully remembered. Our streets and for doing something to correspond to their blackguard language and for failing to follow the congressional fashion of unlimited personal abuse and equally unlimited corporal conservatism. The people would really like to see the congressmen who forget the proprieties of language suffer physically therefor. It would be apt to make them more mind- country. There is greater stir in trade For, little space, and wassail high, ful of their words, beside vindicating the popular passion for justice by providing a prompt punishment for the offense.

The real annoyance to the public in congressional manners is the vileness of the language so often used. This comes to us over the wire as a spicy bit of reading; and everybody reads it with interest and disgust. While it may be entertaining, it is none the less universally displeasing. We know it is not a creditable exhibition. We know the language is not of men of sense and of honor, and it brings the body that permits its use into contempt. The offence against the public sensibilities, we insist, is in the violent language, and that real relief would be felt rather than otherwise, if follows that the coroner's jury should the fitness of things could be maintained have so found, and that the engine by equally violent action accompanying driver should have been arrested and the words. Certainly it would be prfeerable to have our congressmen do their fighting with their fists in place of their for such an allegation until the proofs tongues. If they would only silently have been heard. But it is a fact within hammer one another, how happy we our knowledge, and that of all who are To these three joily neighbors: might be ! Then there would be no acquainted with the way in which cars rebusive language in the telegraphic rearc shifted on to the railroad sidings, ports to annoy us. They would simply that the work is done with great rashrecord that Congressman Smith, for some ness. It is a very common thing for unknown reason, but feeling like it, cars to be violently forced over the stop mauled Congressman Jones, and that blocks and for walls and buildings to be both parties came out with black eyes knocked down by the collision. and sore shins. That would make us all train hands pay no attention to happy. No one need regret the occur- remonstrances; except to curse. Comrence more than the congressmen them- plaint made to their superiors se or all their sad commutat pain. selves, and if they welcome the pairs cures no abatement of the injury, nor And what it cost in money: and penalties of such a method of amus- does the company ever compensate the ing themselves, the rest of the world damage done. In this case investigamay afford to be equally cheerful. But | tion must be had, unless the family of it is an unfair distribution of the favors. Reese is satisfied, as probably it

Not Altogether Happy.

The senatorial situation in the three great states of New York, Pennsylvania our streets. And we have a right and Ohio, is not pleasing to Republicans to demand of the public proseof any degree, outside the fact that the cutor that the responsibility for this party gains a senator in each state. That dreadful accident shall be properly is something the party has to congratulate itself upon, certainly, but there punished. The coroner failed in his are a good many Republicans who would | duty. Will the district attorney also? cheerfully have it otherwise, and it is not at all certain that it would not really be better for the party. Senators Conkling and Cameron would, admittedly, prefer to be the sole senator, of their party from their states, that there may be none to dispute their supremacy of divide with them the distribution of the spoils: and it would probably be better for the party that this power should be held in one hand; certainly it would be, if it was exercised prudently and wisely. It is always better to have a leadership fixed in one competent head. The rivalries of politicians are the most fruitful source of a party's weakness. In Pennsylvania the Republican party has maintained itself for many years in power because it has submitted itself to the absolute control of one ring or combination, of which the Camerons have been the figureheads, and which has thus far been shrewd enough to maintain its ascendency over the party, reinforced as deacen, who accused him of immorality. it has been by the power of the public | The verdict was for the deacon. A Metilous use of all the means at its command. Senator Conkling has of late years been at the head of a combination which has controlled the Republican party of New York, though not with the absoluteness result of various causes, and it is certainthat has prevailed here.

see how badly these rings would be discomposed by the election of Republican colleagues of these men in the Senate, who would propose to act independently of them and want to claim a share of the honors and profits incident to the place. Mr. Grow, representing the anti-Cameron element in Pennsylvania politics, would be a thorn in the side of the Cameron ring that it will not endure if it can avoid it; so that it will fight, for life or death, to defeat him. Mr. Oliver, a man of wealth, a partner of Cameron in the iron manufacture, and so busily has given his government notice that the employed in his business affairs, as prob. accomplishment of the task is hopeless, ably to be indisposed to interfere in the and will leave Constantinople at once, ere management of the party, has been sel he becomes entirely bereft of reason. He lected as the Cameron game cock first must indeed be ambitious of fame who to be thrown into the pit against Grow; would willingly essay the job of putting but neither may be the winning bird. to rights the sultan's cash account. Several mains may have to be fought before the issue between Cameron and anti-Cameron is settled.

It does not require much sagacity to

In New York Senator Conkling does not seem to have stripped his man as yet for the fight.

In Ohio the situation is different. There Garfield, with natural weakness. has drawn off his friend Foster from the fight against his bitter enemy, Sherman, who undoubtedly will stab him under the fifth rib as senator if he ever gets a good opportunity. Meanwhile in the Republican party there is trouble over the imposition of Sherman upon it. The decent Republicans gag at the dose which Garfield has fixed up for them. They know that there is no chance for the pu-

rification and regeneration of their party with the reins of power left in such thoroughly disreputable hands. The party is not happy anywhere with their From ivied Minster portico, senatorial prizes.

Christmas.

The gladsome Christmas season, at its approach again, finds the world bustling with busy preparations for its advent. Year after year the celebration of the event seems to become more universal. With the advance of the borders of Christendom, the wider appreciation of the religious significance of the day. with increasing social retinement science ministering to men's necessities mas is not allowed to fade away before hope begins to look forward to the next. This is true not only of children and of childhood's delights; but with the elders, too, the celebration of Christmas is becoming more and more an occasion anxshops tell what advances have been The highest genius of artisans is employed in preparations The carols meet, with laughter sweet, for the Christmas trade, and the In a gay embrace, mid the drifting sleet. of literary talent is harbest nessed to the work of Christmas book | And clouds that hovered all day by, making. The present Christmas season is the throngest ever experienced in this and social life all over the country than | Flows at the board and hautboy's sound ever before known. The abundance of money stimulates present-giving and nature seems to sympathize with the spirit of the season and to give us O'Lammas tide the woods about, seemly weather. Altogether there is Of facry meetings 'neath the moon, occasion for everybody to wish everybody else a "merry Christmas" with The ynte-log crackles the crane below. good heart in the salutation.

Investigate. That John B. Reese was killed by the undue speed with which the locomotive of the train on which he stood was driven, is not questioned; nor that it was without fault of his own. It seems equally clear that the driver of the engine was responsible for its speed. It held to anwer. We do not say that he was to blame. The case is too serious when the public has to listen to abuse will be. But they ought not which is uttered with entire impunity. to be permitted to control the matter. Aall the people have an interest in securing care in the handling of the trains which are constantly on placed, and the guilty, whon found, be

---MINOR TOPICS.

JUNE 1, 1882, is the official date fixed upon for the inauguration of the St. Gothard tunnel.

A SUCCESSFUL porcelain factory is being run by Frenchmen in New Orleans. The clay used is from Louisiana and Texas.

OUT of a total of 130,000 railway employees in Great Britain and Ireland 4,500 are either killed or injured every year.

A PETITION for the appointment of a woman on the police force is circulating in

"ENGLAND was merry England when Old Christmas brought his sports again. "Twas Christmas broach'd the mightiest ale; 'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale ; A Christmas gambol oft would cheer A poor man's heart through half the year.'

THE Rev. H. C. Yates, of Dixon, Ill. brought a suit for slander against the patronage and an absolutely unscrupu- odist minister of Virden, Ill., won a bet of \$5, and preached a sermon defending it.

Our Indian policy has been a series of wrongs and blunders. This has been the ly not due exclusively to the natural depravity of Americans or to hatred of the Indians. - Harper's Weekly (Rep.).

IT is reported that the national Republican committee will hold its meeting in Washington in March to carry out the instructions of the Chicago convention to mature a plan respecting the use of the " unit rule" in the next national conven-

HERR WESTENDORF, an eminent financier, holding a prominent position in the German empire, recently undertook the work of reforming Turkish finances. He

To get married in Delaware it is necesbut to furnish bond in the sum of \$200 as would be apt to take some of the acridity assurance to the state that everything is out of Sparks. It would, of course, lovely, or, in lieu of license and bond, the be preferable that they should not banns must be called publicly for two Sun- wallop each other on the floor of days in some church of the hundred in which the bride lives. The effect of these provisions is to cause couples without cash to ride up to Philadelphia or skip sacrificed. A free fight on the floor of the over into Maryland to have the ceremony | House would not be much less dignified performed. Seeing that by this state of than some of the quite recent proceedings affairs they are being deprived of what popular branch of Congress, while it would they regard as a part of their income, the undoubtedly clarify the moral and politi-Wilmington preachers propose to ask the cal atmosphere and aid materially in en-

the marriage laws.

Thrice holy ring, afar and wide, The merry bells this Christmas-tide: Afar and wide, thro' hushed snow. Sweet anthems swell to tell the tale Of that sweet babe the Shepherds hail, Sitting of old amid their flocks, What time the hallelujah shocks, The sleeping Earth and Cherubin Break thro' the Heaven with harp and bymn

Belated birds sing tingling notes To warm anace their chilly throats: Or they mayban have caught the story And pipe their meed from branches hoavy While up aloft his tempered beams The sun bath poured in gentle streams Sending o'er snowy hill and dell A pleasance to greet the Christmas bell! Now every yeoman starts abroad, For holly green and th' ivy tod. Good folk to kirk are soon atrip,

Ho! rosy wenches and merry men. From over the hill, and field, and fen! Great store is here, the drifts at ween, Of myrtle red-berried and mistletoe green! Ho, Phillis, and Kate, and bonny Nell, Come hither! and buffet the goodmen well. An' they gather not for hall and hearth Pair bays to grace the evening mirth. Ave, laugh ve well! and echoed wide, Your voices are thro' the Christmas-tide : And wintry winds emblend their tones And wintry winds emblend their tones Neath the minister caves with the organ groans:

Anon, the weary Sun's at rest, Like silver arrays down the sky, Entold him; while the winds are whist -But not the Christmas jollity. The tripping dance and merry round. Here youths and maidens stand in a row, Kissing beneath the mistletoe. And many a tale of midnight rout, On wintry night and summer noon, Goes round the room-while al! aglow Drink hael, good folk by the chimney side! O, sweet's the holy Christmas-tide. Drink hael! Drink hael! and pledge again, Sweet peace on earth, good will to men! -Harrison S. Morris, in Philadelphia Ecci

SMITH, JONES AND ROBINSON.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. mith, Jones and Robinson, three neighbors Went out upon one Christmas day

To spend a social hour together ; They walked, and talked, and joked, an And laughed, and quatfed in merry mood, And made remarks about the weather,

An hour or two ran into three, Time seemed to run so merrily And when the shades of night came down They had not left that part of town Where bar-men ply their labors,

But now from nonserse energetic They fell into a most pathetic And grew quite confidential: Robinson pensively remarked to Smith That hearthstone bliss was all a myth And marriage non essential.

And Jones and Smith took up the strain And Robinson told Jones in mandlin tone Of what per cent, he paid on loans. And neither thought it funny.

About the hour when mignight cocks Crow, echoing answers to the clocks, These three convivial Christmas tramps Went reeling homeward 'neath the lamps And each one had a special reason Why he had not come home in season

smith told his wife that Jones-poor fellow! Had got with Robinson, and both were mel And Robinson said that Smith and Jones had been drinking Till both were past all sober thinking

But Jones, the best one in the lot,

Confessed to several whiskies hot This little story has no moral. Except it ended in a quarrel: Mrs. Smith in freezing tones Says she won't recognize that Jones: And Jones and Smith have gone to sneaking Through devious ways to keep from speak-

Such as on Christmas days are fixed; Remember the three friends so merry, An i drink not too much Tom and Jerry. -Cincinnati Naturday Night.

CHRISTMAS AND THE POOR. ons of Adam, rejoice; 'tis the close of the Let joy and good feeling pervade every

And friends whom the soul in its temple hold By their presence a glow of affection im

Phough the storm should howl on, and the pitiless blast Draw the shroud of December in glass May plenty and happiness crown your repast

But when joy smiles round, oh, remembe Remember the poor on their pullets of straw. O'er whose frames dread diseases east a withering blight,

The wind through their hovels blowschilly and raw. Making tedions and chilly the long winter When your tables are furnished by fuxury's

And lavish profusion gives limitless store, Forget not the sick and oppressed of the land In your prayers and your alms, oh, remem

If a soul on the earth can be counted divine. If a hand can be found that would honor a If a deed on the records of heaven shall shine If a foot treads the earth that should hallow

Tis the foot that oft visits the mansions of 'Tis the hand that spares not of its plentifu Tis the deed that makes angels of dwellers

'Tis the soul that relieves the distress of the -N. Y. Eccning Post.

Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

"Let Him at Him."

We are sorry for Weaver, and likewise for Sparks. We are sorry that they made blackguard exhibitions of themselves upon the floor of the House the other day, but not half so sorry that, having started in with the apparent intention of walloping each other, they were not permitted to carry out their-in some respectssary not only to pay \$4.50 for a license, excellent intentions. A walloping would the House during a session of the House, but rather than not go through with the performance at all, the parliamentary proprieties might with some advantage be Legislature at its coming session to amend abling the House to come down to the serious business of legislation in a tolerably serious spirit.

PERSONAL. Rome has not been for ten years so gay

and brilliant with foreign visitors as at Many of the Faubourg St. Germain swells have ceased to spend the winter in Paris; it costs too much; the aristocracy of birth is receding before that of wealth. Professor James M. Hoppin, of New Haven, has been asked to take Dr. Adams's vacant chair as Instructor in Homiletics, in

the Union theological seminary. The youngest son of M. DE LESSEPS was baptized in Paris, the other day, by the name of Paul-Marie. The old gentleman was married ten years ago, when 65 years of age, to a lady of 20, and this is the ninth child of that marriage.

GAMBETTA is fat. His complexion is that of an Italian. His fine hair is dainty little darlings for their companions, that of a dandy, but he wears a white flower in his button-hole.

GARFIELD has ceased to open his newspaper mail and no longer keeps scrap-book of articles about himself. He rides to the postoflice of West Mentor, and he often carries his mail back home on the pommel of his sadole. A woman, writing to have favor of "strips, and bits, and rugs." her husband made postmaster, told Mrs give her a switch made of her own hair.

The ardor of Gen. HARRY WHITE'S friends, pressing him for a cabinet place, is dampened by the discovery that on a certain oceasion when Harry was playing one of his pranks in the House and posing himself for the admiration of the galleries, Garfield came up to the clerk's desk and remarked to the relator of the incident, sotto vocc, "What a blasted fool that man White is," or words to that effect.

At Patti's farewell performance at the royal opera in Berlin the emperor of Germany went down on the stage to compliment the singer. After having praised her very warmly, the emperor asked her how long she expected to stay in America. Patti replied that her trip would last two vears. "Two years!" said the emperor; 'That is a great while at my age, and in thanking you once more, I am probably bidding you good-by for the last."

Christmas Presents,

The future historian of the race will find the development of Christmas worthy of en over to high art. Give the little ones his philosophical contemplation, Not many years ago-within the memory, indeed, of men who have not yet begun to grow gray-the day was observed only by members of two or three religious denominations, and even in these the juvenile members did not find the occasion particularly edifying. Suddenly, perhaps through the mighty influx of jolly good fellows from the Teutonic countries, where St. Nicholas is held in high respect, yet also regarded most affectionately and fa- The youngest is 14 and the oldest 21 years milaarly by every one, the habit of giving of age, and they all possess hair of the presents began to be observed, and this color of the raven's wing and of the most habit has grown with true American rapidity, until now every one, no matter how poor, in some way finds means to make presents to every one to whom he feels specially attached. The stores are filled as at no other season of the year, and the columns of the INTELLI-GENCER greau—good humoredly of course-with the plethora of vertisements of dealers in things attractive that every one wants to find, yet high soprano voice. Her hair is just six has put off until the last moment and can not learn the wherebouts of in any other way so quickly as by reference to news- She is also a pianist. Naomi has a marvelpapers. The custom, in spite of its oceas- ous basso voice, and is looked on as a musional abuses through extravagance, is one that blesses all who participate in it, and if only its boundaries were so enlarged that its beneficiaries might always include those who most need gifts it might in spite of its merriment be as truly a great religious celebration as ever it was.

The Conkling-Sprague Scandal. A Narragansett pier (R. I.) dispatch to the Boston Post says: "The Conkling-Sprague scandal, which holds the first place in society gossip both in this state and in New York, has received a fresh impetus from the fact that Governor Sprague is reported to have been driven to despera tion by the intrigues and persecution of his enemies, and he now threatenes to tell the whole story of his wife's alleged intidelity and Conkling's wiles and temptations. His friends both here and in New York say that he is positive proof of criminality extending over many years at Washington, and extending to the recent presidential canvass, when Roscoe and Kate traveled to Buffalo together and were in company at the Palace hotel. That Conkling broke up the Sprague household and compromised his wife nobody doubts, but that it will hurt borhood of Can houses have fallen in. him in the estimation of the Republican The damage is considerable. party and its leaders is not so certain. He broke up the Howe family in New York city and the Hayden household in Albany, but it has made no difference. George Jones, publisher of the New York Times, knows the story of Colonel Howe, and the World came very near getting into its possession the letters in the Hayden ease -letters which reveal the senatorial Apollo in a very gushing character. The World intended to publish the letters the day he

STATE ITEMS

nake the connection.

for ten years.

The Quaker City coach company, similar in its aims to the Herdic personal transportation company, has been organized in Philadelphia.

The water main on the corner of Main and Exchange streets, Buffalo, burst with a terrific roar on Tuesday night and the water continued to increase in volume, flooding several stores and the office of the Great Western railway. A brakeman in the employ of the Penn-

sylvania railroad company named Gross, residing at Buck lock, below Middletown,

had the thumb of his right hand badly smashed yesterday while attempting to couple cars in the yards of the company at Harrisburg. A man about thirty years old, who registered as "T. (or S.) Manburg (or Marburg), Philadelphia," on Tuesday night, at the North American house, No. 115 South Eighth street, Philadelphia, was found dead in his room last evening, hav-

ing committed suicide by the inhalation of

eight inches in height, of German appear-

illuminating gas. He was about five feet

nce, medium build, with black moustache. and attired in genteel apparel. en, principally from, Valdosta, Ga., and proceeded to seize three of a gang of gam- killed. blers who infest the place. These swindlers had victimized four or five friends of the party, taking over \$1,000. The gamblers at first resisted, and one of them rcceived pretty rough handling. Then they the neck. He was 56 years old. penses incurred by the raiding party. The for participation in the revolution of 1839, The raiders went across the county line to

AN IDEAL NURSERY. Seme Valuable Hints for Affectionate Par-

Mr. C. C. Harrison, in Scribners' for January, says: In this day of cheap and charming wall-papers, one has but to go to the nearest shop to find a dozen suggestions, any one of which will lend the nursery a charm, requiring but few additions, to transform any room into a cheerful home for the little folks. A dado of India matting, in red and white checks, is very popular, and goes far toward furnishing he room. In one nursery the mother has left a space three or four feet high above the weather board, for each child to contribute his own idea in decoration with pictures cut out of books and illustrated

weeklies, and collected by himself. Above, and not too high, should be hung pictures. Be liberal with these, and choice. Give your children Sir Joshua Reynolds's aprinkled with gray. His lips, which are any of the delightful little genre pictures resolute and compressed, are shadowed by of French, or English, or German art, that the communion with the fairies, but I resolute and compressed, are shadowed by a black mustache, and he has also a short comes to us so freely now. A picture with came a little too late. So I walked into South Seventh street, Reading, committed gray beard. His dress is far from being a moral will accomplish far more in early childhood than one of Æsop's fables. The first aspiration toward a career of true greatness may be struck into a boy's guile- on the song of the angels, less nature as he stands gazing up at some to scene which tells a tale of self-renouncing

It has come to be regarded as indispensable to the new regime that all carpets covering the floor shall be banished in May I enter a modest in behalf of a nur-Garfield if she would fix it, she would sery carpet? Not only do the children slip and trip continually upon scattered pieces of carpet, but baby, whom you have es-tablished with all his belongings upon an island of rug, persists in abandoning it for the most distant and draughty corner of the stained wood floor. Where the furniture is light, a three-ply carpet, taken away to be shaken every spring and autumn, under light, movable furniture, can easily be kept clean by a respectable

Curtains should be limited in quantity and light in texture. Any pretty cretonne blooming all over with pink roses and leaves and gay buds, will delight a child, and the day coverings to the nurse's bed may be made of the same. For the chillren's bed there is nothing like spotless white. Another form of curtain, useful because it can be repeatedly washed throughout the season, is of plain white cotton stuff, bordered with figured Turkey red and looped with bands of the same material. The only heading to these draperies should be a casing through which a light brass rod fitted into sockets at each

In regard to color, I should advocate leaving mediaval blues and dull sage green below stairs, in the library or boudoir giv-

of warm, honest red and Which will show your love is true.

the A, B, C's of decorations, with plenty

"The Seven Female Wonders." The seven Sutherland sisters, known as the "seven wonders," are on exhibition at a museum in New York. The girls are all more or less prodigies in their way, and their fortunes consits chiefly in the wealth of hair and their rich and tuneful voices. marvelous length and thickness. girls are named respectively Sarah N. Sutherland, Victoria, Isabella C., Grace, Naomi, Dora and Mary. When they stand side by side they look like steps of stairs. ballada exquisitely, while her hair tips the "Hear the engine puffing" ground at her heels. Victorio has a mezseven feet in length. Isabella C. has a feet and a half in length. Grace rejoices in a contralto and a profusion of hair. eal prodigy. Her hair grows so thick that when she lets it down it completely covers her being visible. Dora signs contralto, and her hair is already five and a half feet long. Mary, the youngest, has an immense growth of hair, and when let down 'it envelopes her like an ulster. They are all highly cultured, and some of them are of a religious turn of mind.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. In Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Judge Carpenter sentenced James R. Wiltsie to seven years and four months' imprisonment for

rape on a girl of twelve years, The storm has blocked the railroads on Long Island. Snow fell to the depth of thirteen inches at Babylon and the drifts are very heavy.

The banking firm of Hanson & Co., of Constantinople, have suspended, with liabilities of £250,000. Their losses are chiefly due to advances made to the Porte. Heavy floods are reported in the department of Calvados, France. Several towns and villages are inundated. In the neigh-

Six buildings at Hyde Park, L. I., were burned yesterday. All belonged to John Christ. One was occupied as a listel by the owner. The othess were leased for business purposes. Loss, \$45,000 to \$20,-

A dispute occurred between the United States consul at St. Thomas and an American captain. The consul shot at the captain and slightly wounded him. The latter afterwards waylaid the consul at his spoke in New York city, but failed to office and assaulted him with a heavy

A bold attempt was made by a negro named Robert Owen to murder Mrs. W. The Montgomery county prison has at present 31 inmates. This is the smallest number of prisoners that jail has contained a highly respectable lady and is the wife of the telegraph operator at that station. The negro fired at her through the window but fortunately she escaped uninjured. No cause is assigned for the act. A party of men are scouring the woods in hopes of capturing the villain.

The third night of the billiard match between Slosson and Vignaux opened with a street. large attendance and the deepest interest was manifested. Slosson placed the balls where he had left them night before and made seven points. His best runs in the course of the evening were 204, 59 and 160, and he maintained his lead to the end of the night's play, scoring a total of 1,800, while Vignaux made 1,517. The latter's

best runs were 111, 75 and 83. On the Carolina Central railroad about three miles beyond Lincolntown, N. C., the entire passenger train, excepting the engine, which passed over safely, went through the trestle, which, at that point, s fifty feet high. The mail agent, David Bloom, and a passenger named J. W. Goodson, were disabled by the accident and subsequently burned up in the flames, which communicated, it is thought, from the the coal stoves used on the road to the shattered and splintered cars which were piled one upon the other in the Baldwin's station, Fla., was excited yes- chasm. Conductor Harris Johnson esterday by the appearance of one hundred caped with slight injuries. There were filled from November, 1881, to first Mon-Lake City, and well armed. They at once is not known that any one else was

Obituary.

William J. Holmes, publisher, died yesterday, in Chicago, from a carbuncle on and who was a brigadier general in the escape arrest, and the discomfitted gamblers virginia, on Tuesday, aged 85 years. Confederate service, died in Spottsylvania. Spenser Thomas, member of the Domin-

ion Parliament for Cariboo, died in Victoria, British Columbia, an Monday.

John Watson, of Hempstead, Long
Island, was killed by an engine, while

crossing the railroad track near that place, vesterday morning. John Knowlton, a traveling agent from Camden, was found dead in bed at a hotel in Branchville, N. J., on Tuesday morn-

ing. An inquest showed that heart disease was the cause. Hiram H. Hayden committed suicide in Ithaca, N. Y., yesterday morning. He was

subject to fits of insanity. Michael Foley, aged 40 years, was found hanging in the woods near Fairville, New Brunswick, yesterday. He was discharged from a lunatic asylum a week | eged ability. ago apparently recovered.

CHRISTMAS DAY TWO HUNDRED YEARS

From the Diary of Mr. Pepys. (1662.) "Had a pleasant walk to White hall, where I intended to have received pictures. By and by, down to the chapel again, where Bishop Morley preached

to God on high, and on earth peace and good will to men.' Methought he made but a poor sermon, but long, reprehending the jollity of the court long, reprehending the jollity of the court for the true joy, that shall and ought to on these days. Particularized coreering bool of blood, with the pistol still in his their excess in plays and gaming. Upon which it was worth observing how far they are come from taking the reprehension of a bishop seriously, that they all laugh in chapel when he reflected on their ill actions. He did press us to hospitality in these public days. But one that stood by whispered in my ear, 'that the bishop do not spend one groat on the poor himself.'

(1665.) "To church in the morning. I there saw a wedding in the church, which have not seen for many a day, and the young people so merry, one with another, and strange to see what delight we married people have to see these poor fools decoyed into our condition, every man and woman gazing and smiling at them."

(1868.) "To dinner alone with vife, who, poor wretch ! sat undressed al! day till ten o'clock at night, altering and lacing of a noble petticoat, while I by her, making the boy read to me the Life of Julius Casar, and Des Cartes' book of

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Public School Entertainment. As an appropriate part of the Christmas festivities several of the teachers of the oublic schools have given literary and nusical entertainments in their school rooms, the pupils of the schools being the

creditable entertainment was given in tion's service as superintendent. Miss Etter's Lemon street school. The room was for the occasion handdecorated with evergreens. somely preserved grasses, ferns, framed mottoes, &c., &c. Several of the school directors were present. The exereises were opened by the school singing in choros, "A Merry Greeting after which Master C. Reinfried made the opening address. This was followed by a large number of recitations, dialogues and musical selections by the pupils, all of which were well rendered, especially "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and "Rover and by Annie Cornell; "Watch on Baby" Sarah sings Scotch and English sentimental Christmas Eve," by Ella McCaskey; Mamie Wiley, with "pufling" accompazo-soprano, and her hair measures over niment by a party of boys; "Then and Now," by Arthur Bailey; Tennyson's "Break, Break, Break, Adams; "Buttercups and Daisies," by Katie Deverter; "Scene in Court," dialogue, by Masters A. Biack and B. "The Broken-Hearted Dutch-"Early Morning Concert," and Needles" and some other recitations, her person from head to foot, no part of in which Miss Shirk's classes of the smaller pupils took part, were also very well rendered. The closing address was given by Master Eddie Gilgore. The directors present complimented the teacher and pupils in brief addresses. "The Christmas Carols," "The Light of Memory," and other pieces were sung, the entertainment closing with "In Excelsis Gloria."

This afternoon a similar entertainment was given in Miss Downey's school on East Lemon street. The opening address was made by Master II. Mercer, and was well rendered. The programme consisted of quite a number of musical selections, recitations and dialogues, including Work while you work, and play while you play," "Hang up Baby's Stockings,"
"Excelsior," "God Made all Things,"
"Suppose," "Arthur Rich and Martin "The Fisherman's Wife," "The Little Gentleman," "Christmas Tree Queen," "Subtraction," "Dolly's Doc-tor," "Pussy's Dream," "The Extraordinary Auction," "The Party," ture Bob and the Wonderful Cob," "Self Pleasing," "The Wishers," "The Child and the Augels," "The Disappointed Kitten," "Baby's First Christmas," "The Blacksmith," "Bobbie's Christmas Eve,"and a few others. Among the musical selections were "The Boat Song" and "Jolly old St. Nicholas," and while the latter piece was being sung one of the larger boys, who represented Saint Nicholas entered the room, bringing with him a great variety of presents for the children. The occasion was a very pleas-ant one creditable alike to teacher and

On Tuesday afternoon a very pleasant given at Miss Matilda Zug's school in West Chestnut street. The recitations, lialogues and especially the music being rendered with fine effect. Prof. Kevinski, musical instructor, and several members of he board of directors were present.

To morrow morning entertainments will be given by the pupils of Miss Bundell's and Miss Huber's girl's secondary schools, in the old high school building corner of North Prince and Chestnut streets, and at co'clock in the afternoon by the pupils of Mr. Couzzins's colored school, Strawberry

> No Vacancy Until 1882. HARRISBURG, Dec. 22, 1880.

Hon, John T. MacGonigle: DEAR SIR: Atty, General Palmer has referred your letter of enquiry to me for answer, and in pursuance of his request I would say that according to the opinion of Judge Pearson in a case tried before him from the 6th ward in this city, and also from the decision of the supreme court of this state, it is settled that in all cases such as the ones stated by you there is no vacancy that can be filled by an election in February previous to the expiration of the commissions of the incumbents if the commissions expire before the first Monday in May. Those aldermen whose commissions expire November 1881. can not have their successors elected in February, 1881. The people can not elect persons to fill their places until February, 1882. The only way such vacancies can be day in May, 1882, is by appointment from the governor. That part of the act of 1877, P. L., page 12, as extends the term of justices of the peace or aldermen beyond five years is unconstitutional. All justices of the peace and all aldermen elected by the people have their commissions made out to compute from the first Monday in May immediately following their election and to continue for five years.

Yours truly, J. R. McAfee, Deputy Secretary. NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Across the County Lines, John F. Hooper, an engineer, of the Edge Moore iron works near Wilmington, was found dead near the works yesterday morning. It is supposed he froze to

death. Wallace J. Boyd, member-elect of the Legislature from Montgomery county, died in Norristown yesterday. [Deceased was a son of Col. James Boyd, a prominent lawyer of the Norristown bar and a member of the last constitutional convention. Had the member-elect lived, he would have made his mark in the Legislature, as he was a young man of acknowl-

The Bradford Era booms for John B. Packer for the Senate "one who, although prominent, in the state and nation, has never sought office and has never accepted it save when his conscientious convictions assured him it was his duty to do so in the interests of his constituants, his state and the nation." Too late! Too late!

suicide last evening. He was employed at the South Sixth street market house as a hostler. He had been on a spree for the last few weeks, and came home for supper. After washing himself he went up-stairs, and placing a small pistol to his head fired, the ball penetrating the brain. grasp. Medical aid was quickly sum-moned, but before the physicians arrived he was dead. Stauffer was about 34 years of age and was a soldier in the late war.

He leaves a wife and one son. There are, it is said, at present on the Ephrata hill six horses and wagons in the possession of as many individuals, who regularly visit the Lancaster and Reading markets who neither raise poultry, pork nor beef, vegetables or anything for the trade or family use, and yet are nightly busy, and even in daytime arrive home from a distance, sometimes suspiciously covered. Not long since several men were seen wending their way toward the hill well laden with sacks, supposed to contain poultry, and the wagons are heard to pass and repass every night, it is supposed,

laden with spoils. A special meeting of the trustees of the Pennsylvania state lunatic hospital is called for the 30th, the object being the election of some person to succeed Dr. John Curwin, who will have been the superintendent of the institution thirty years next February. For some time past the decapitation of Dr. Curwin has been threatened by some of the trustees, but the threat had taken no tangible shape until quite recently. The charges made against the doctor, so far as divulged, are: Lack of financial ability, want of co-opera-tion with trustees, opposition to the female physician placed in the institution by the trustees a few months ago, and general Yesterday afternoon a very pleasant and independence caused by nearly a genera-

THE DRAMA.

"Widow Bedott" at the Opera House, The third of the successive Mishler entertainments that have been presented at Fulton opera house during the week came off last evening before an audience which, if anything, was rather smaller than either um V. Nasby's farcical oddity of "Widow Bedott." While it is largely lacking in the features of dramatic composition that characterize legitimate comedy, this work of the famous funny man bears all the marks of his peculiar humor. The Widow is made the fountain of mirth from which the audience may take refreshing draughts and be the better for it. Mr. Charles B. Bishop's make-up in this eccentric character was of itself sufficient to awake merriment in the dullest apprehen sion. Every lineament of his visage and movement of body betoken the garrulous and uncompromising old woman the character is intended to represent, while the Widow's flow conversation is simply appalling; her tongue working with the rapidity of a mill-clapper and every utterance clean-ent and distinct. Her comical remarks and unique figures of speech, as well as the absurd situations frequently portrayed, called out repeated roars of laughter. Mr. Bishop has obtained a complete apprehension of the role and wrought it out o a thoroughly artistic success. Of course the large bulk of the honors of the evening were awarded to him, though as Elder Shadrach Sniffles Mr. James O. Barrows scored a hit; the remainder of the east likewise entering with manifest zest into the spirit of fun that ruled the hour, and completing an entertainment that was full of amusement to all who witnessed it.

ALMOST DROWNED.

Narrow Escape of a Former Lancasterian. The following item elipped from the columns of the Lake City (Col.) Mining Register of December 17, just to hand, has a local interest since the chief actor is a former resident of this city and a son of our townsman A. W. Baldwin, dry goods mer-

chant of South Queen street: Late Wednesday evening a party of gentlemen consisting of Messrs. Won-derly, Baldwin, James and Carnahan, after having enjoyed the early part of the evening on the ice near Mr. Finley's residence, unstrapped their skate's and started leisurely homeward down the river on the ice, when, without warning, Mr. Baldwin, of the Register, who was a little way in advance, went through the ce. Although the water was but a few feet in depth, yet like all our mountain streams entertainment of a similar character was the current was very swift, and only through the prompt assistance of his comrades was Ed. prevented from being forced under the ice by the swift current. Had he been alone the Mining Register would most certainly have turned its column rules to-day. It was a close call and we urge our young folks to use great caution for we can't well spare even one of

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your number.

Election and Installation. At a meeting of R. A. Chapter, No. 43, F. and A. M., held at their hall on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing Masonic year, and were duly installed by D. D. G. H. P., A. J. Kauffman:

M. E. H. P.-Dr. Geo. R. Welchans King-Henry E. Carson. Scribe-David H. Wylie. Secretary-Hugh S. Gara. Treas.—Chas. A. Heinitsh. Trustees-Henry Baumgardner, Wm. A. Iorton, C. Widmyer.

Appointments Capt. of Guard-Joel S. Eaby. Prin. Soj .-- Wm. O. Marshall. R. A. Capt .-- J. Gust. Zook. Chaplain—H. S. Gara. Master 34 Vail—Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg. Master 2d Vail—Thos. W. Brown. Master 1st Vail—Joshua L. Lyte S. M. Cere. - John C. Swope. Jun. M. Cere.-Geo. H. Rothermel. Pur.-Dr. Jno. R. Morris, Tyler-Geo. Lutz.

Struck by a Sled. Last evening Katie Deverter, a little daughter of Amos Deverter, of North

Organist-J. B. Kevinski.

Queen street, was walking across West Chestnut, when some boys were sledding. She was struck by a sled on which two boys were riding, and was knocked down and badly bruised about the face and head.

Mayor's Court. This morning the mayor sent one bum to the workhouse for 30 days and a drunk to prison for the same period.